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Meetings this week:

Planning Board, September 21, 7 p.m. Friday, September 18, 2015

Dover's Master Plan transportation work kicks off Sept. 21

Work will soon begin to update the City of Dover's Transportation Chapter of the Master Plan, and kicks off with an informational session in Council Chambers at City Hall on Monday, Sept. 21, 2015, at 6 p.m.

Community-wide visioning sessions were held in 2012 as part of a comprehensive master planning process. The Transportation Chapter of the Master Plan helps identify the City's transportation priorities over the next 10 years, as expressed in the current Master Plan. The City of Dover Master Plan can be found online here.

On Monday, Sept. 21, representatives of a study team will begin work on the Transportation Chapter in coordination with the City's Transportation Advisory Commission, during the commission's regular meeting. A brief presentation will be followed by questions and answers, and an opportunity for attendees to share their thoughts and ideas.

This update to the Master Plan will replace the existing Transportation Chapter, last updated in 2000. Goals for this chapter include reviewing opportunities for traffic The Planning Board will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2015, at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall.

To view the meeting agenda, <u>click here</u>.

City Council, September 22, 5:30 p.m.

The City Council will hold a workshop session on Wednesday, Sept. 22, 2015, at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall. The workshop will be followed by a regular meeting at 7 p.m.

To view the workshop agenda, <u>click here</u>.

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To view televised meetings online, on demand, visit www.dover.nh.gov/dntv.

For a complete list of upcoming meetings visit the meeting calendar page.

calming, expanding the City's complete street network and reviewing opportunities for mass transit in Dover.

Christopher G. Parker, Dover's Assistant City Manager, is acting as the liaison between the Steering Committee and the consulting team.

"Dover has been very lucky to have a strong volunteer base, and I am glad to have active membership on the Steering Committee," Parker said. "At the same time, we want to involve the community at large. This kick off meeting is the first of those opportunities."

Community members are encouraged to participate in local planning, as it is important to Dover's long-range growth and development.

"Dover's Transportation master plan, along with our Vision and Land Use chapters will be instrumental in creating the Dover the community wants to have for the next decade," Parker added. "We need to be proactive and thoughtful in our review and consideration of the transportation issues we face as a community, and lay out a positive path we can take to improve our transportation networks."

For more information about this study, contact Christopher G. Parker, Assistant City Manager Planning and Strategic Initiatives, at 288 Central Avenue, Dover, NH 03820-4169, or by phone at (603) 516-6008.



Community Trail expansion project seeks volunteers



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City Hall hours: Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Recycling Center hours:

Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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With grant funding in place, the City of Dover and Dover Community Trail Advisory Committee are now planning for the expansion of Dover's Community Trail. The three-quarter mile Community Trail runs from Fisher Street to the Dover Transportation Center.



Grant funding will help expand and improve the trail for year-round use. Among the improvements planned are paving the trail from Fisher Street to Rutland Street on the southern end, as well as creating a more distinct trail and trail head on the northern end of the trail, from Fourth Street to Beckwith Park.

As the planning process continues, the City and trail committee are hosting a meeting for anyone interested in the project or with ideas for the future of the Community Trail. All are welcome to attend, including newcomers, or anyone who uses the trail for recreation, including walking, cycling, running or snowshoeing. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 29, 2015, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall.

The Dover Community Trail is an ongoing community effort that began with land acquisition on the former rail bed in the 1990's. The City of Dover, volunteers and committees, community organizations, and business leaders worked together to open the trail.

For more information about the Community Trail, contact the Dover Planning Department at 603-516-6008 or email d.pohli@dover.nh.gov.

City of Dover survey seeks community feedback

The City of Dover is asking residents to participate in The 2015 National Citizen Survey. The survey is designed to provide a baseline of how the City's government is serving residents, to gauge perceptions of the city and to make

comparisons with peer cities.

The city contracted with National Research Center, Inc. to participate in The NCS, an instrument that was developed in partnership with the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) in 2001 to provide cities with a low-cost, high-quality method to conduct market research.

The survey centers on community livability and includes questions about the quality of life in the community, local policies, demographics, rating of local government services and resident use of services.

A random and scientific sample of 1,400 households will receive invitations to participate in the mail from and their confidential responses will be weighted and analyzed.

"Participation in the survey is very important," said City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr. "Feedback from this survey helps guide decisions that affect our City."

Residents selected to participate in the survey will receive notice soon. The surveys will be mailed Sept. 24 and Oct. 1, 2015.

The National Citizen Survey was among the first scientific surveys developed to gather resident opinion on a range of community issues, and has been used in more than 350 jurisdictions across 46 states. The NCS is a high-quality cost-effective scientific survey of resident opinion and an important benchmarking tool that allows for comparison among communities. Communities using The NCS have reported that the tool helped improve performance, strengthen communications with community stakeholders, and identify clear priorities for use in goal and budget setting.

Road closures in place Sunday for Horne Street road race

On Sunday, Sept. 20, at 9 a.m., the following road

closures will be in effect for the Horne Street School 5K Run and 2 Mile Walk event, part of the Dover Race Series:

- Sixth Street, in both directions between Whittier and Grove Streets (9 to 9:30 a.m.);
- Horne Street, in both directions between Glenwood and Redden Streets (8:45 to 10 a.m.);
- Whittier Street, between Sixth Street and Glenwood Avenue (9 to 9:45 a.m.).

Motorists should expect delays on Sixth Street, Whittier Street, Horne Street and on Glenwood Avenue between 9 and 10 a.m. Dover police personnel and a number of event volunteers will be on hand to help manage the flow of traffic along the race route. The start and finish point for this event is the Horne Street Elementary School.

Parking restrictions will also be posted on a segment of Horne Street on the day of the event. On-street parking will be restricted until after 10 a.m. that morning on Conifer Commons (off Glenwood Avenue).

Those attending the event are encouraged to park legally on some of the surrounding neighborhood streets, or at the Hannaford plaza at 831 Central Ave., which is a short walk from the school.



Online election guide includes upto-date candidate information

Filing period closes today

The City of Dover's <u>2015 Municipal Election online</u> <u>resource</u> includes up-to-date information on the Nov. 3

municipal election, including all candidates who have filed for office to date, polling places, information on registering to vote, and more.

The filing period for the City of Dover municipal election is now open. The last day to file is today, Friday, Sept. 18, at 5:30 p.m.

The municipal election is Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2015.

Candidates for City Council, School Board, and all ward positions, must complete the necessary filing paperwork at the City Clerk's office, located at City Hall. A valid driver's license or passport is required at the time of filing.

Voters will choose candidates for City Council, Mayor, School Board, as well as moderators, ward clerks, supervisors of the checklist and selectmen, from each ward.

For more information, contact the City Clerk's Office at 516-6018 or visit the 2015 Municipal Election page here.



Apple Harvest Day 5K registration now open

Registration for the Apple Harvest Day 5K is now open. The first 250 registrants receive a free T-shirt.

This year's Apple Harvest Day is Saturday, Oct. 3, 2015. For the seventh year in a row, the Apple Harvest Day 5K, underwritten by Seacoast Orthopedics and Medicine, will kick off Apple Harvest Day at 8:30 a.m.

For more information, visit the Greater Dover Chamber Commerce website, email info@dovernh.org, or call 603-742-2218.

Genealogist to speak at Dover Community Senior Center

Joint the Dover Community Senior Center for a visit from genealogist Pat Cirone on Sunday, Sept. 29, at 2 p.m.

Cirone, who has more than 30 years of genealogy experience, will talk about getting started, tackling "brick wall" problems, how to use technology for family history research, as well as answer questions.

This session is free and open to the public.

The Dover Community Senior Center is located at the McConnell Center, 61 Locust St., Door #1.

For more information, call the Senior Center at 516-6420.

Sunday hours at the Recycling Center begin Oct. 25

The City of Dover Recycling Center on Mast Road will open for additional weekly hours for several Sundays in October and November.

The Recycling Center will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the following Sundays:

- Oct. 25
- Nov. 1
- Nov. 8
- Nov. 15
- Nov. 22
- Nov. 29

The Recycling Center's regular hours are Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

For more information about the Recycling Center, click

<u>here</u>.



Stay informed with City of Dover special announcements

Want up-to-date information about road work, emergencies, special projects, and other important information? Sign up now to receive special announcements via email.

In addition to Dover Download, the City of Dover offers a variety of e-mail updates, including emergency and road closure information, Police Facility and Parking Garage updates, Silver Street reconstruction news, news from the Public Library, waterfront development, and more.

To sign up for one or all of the City's updates, <u>click here</u>. An e-mail address is required to access the special announcement mailing lists.

Citywide hydrant flushing begins this Sunday

The Community Services Utilities Division will begin flushing fire hydrants throughout the City on Sunday, Sept. 20, 2015. Hydrant flushing is expected to take six weeks.

Crews will work at night from 7 p.m. to 5 a.m.

Hydrant flushing is essential to maintain water quality and allow adequate fire flows throughout the distribution system. No disruption of water service is expected. Residents may notice some discoloration of the water. This is temporary and does not pose any threat to public health.

For more information, contact the Community Services Utilities Division at 516-6450.



Parking garage permit requests now being accepted

Anyone interested in obtaining a monthly parking permit in the Orchard Street garage can now add their name to a list maintained by the City of Dover Parking Bureau. Current permit holders will have priority. The remaining permits will be issued based on the list. The Parking Garage is on schedule to open in late November.

Permits for the remainder of fiscal year 2016, which ends next June, are \$45 per month. Rates are established each year by the City Council as part of the annual budget adoption. The Parking Commission will review parking related fees during their meetings in the coming months and if any changes are recommended, they will be forwarded to City Council.

Those interested in adding their name to the list should parking@dover.nh.gov. Only email requests are accepted at this time.

For more information, contact the City of Dover Parking Bureau at 603-516-2277 or parking@dover.nh.gov.



Fall leaf collection begins in October

The City of Dover 2015 fall leaf collection will take place on the following weeks:

- Oct. 26-30
- Nov. 2-6
- Nov. 9-13
- Nov. 16-20

Bagged leaves will be picked up on the same day as trash and recycling.

Leaves must be placed curbside in biodegradable paper leaf bags. No brush will be accepted. Paper bags can be purchased at your local hardware or home improvement store.

Grass clippings, leaves, brush and yard waste is accepted at the Recycling Center during regular operating hours.

For more information, contact the Community Services Department at 516-6450.

UNH graduate, poet to speak at Dover Public Library

A graduate of the University of New Hampshire, poet Yusuf Ali El will read from his poetry and speak about his work at the Dover Public Library on Wednesday. Sept. 23, 2015, at 7 p.m.

Yusuf Ali El was born in Chicago, Illinois and grew up in Pembroke Township, Illinois. He received his bachelor's degree from the University of New Hampshire and a master's degree in literature from Governors State University. He has published five books in the last three years. Poetry is Yusuf's first love, but "How to Feel Good about Yourself", a self-empowerment manual, is his current pride and joy.

The program is free and open to the public. For more information contact the library at 516-6050.



Dover firefighters to hold Operation Warm fundraiser Sept. 23

Dover Professional Firefighters Local 1312 and Dover Professional Fire Officers Local 2909 are partnering with Operation Warm, a nonprofit campaign that raises money to purchase winter clothing for impoverished children. Dover's participating firefighters are committed to providing brand-new winter coats for local children.

Firefighters will hold a family friendly fundraiser at the Thirsty Moose Taphouse, 83 Washington St., on Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2015, from 6-9 p.m. There will be door prizes and special discounts for bracelet holders.

For more information, or to donate directly, <u>click here</u> or visit <u>www.operationwarm.org/dover1312</u>.



City Hall now open Fridays

City Hall offices are now open Monday through Friday.

City Hall is open Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m, and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

In May, the City Council adopted a fiscal year 2016 budget that included funding for the additional hours at City Hall.



Tickets now available for Night at the Woodman Museum III

Back from its successful run last year, Dover's Woodman Museum will present Night at the Woodman Museum III - Voices from the Cemetery, during Columbus Day weekend, Oct. 10, 11, 12.

With a new location the popular event will include 18 scenes of Dover history that will come to life during the hour and a half tour through the grounds of Dover's historic Pine Hill Cemetery. Tour Guides will lead visitors through the large grounds of one of Dover's oldest cemeteries introducing them to historical characters ranging from sea captains, local business and political leaders to soldiers. The production includes a cast of 50 volunteers.

Tickets are now on sale at the Woodman Museum. Reservations are required.

During the tour visitors will learn about early Dover settlers, their strange laws and about the punishments that took place in the late 1700s; Hear the sad story of Elisha Thomas, a revolutionary soldier who was hung after a fight; See Annie Woodman, the benefactress of Dover's Woodman Museum and speak to Jonathan Sawyer about his large woolen mill. Guest's will also meet a civil war soldier who was at Gettysburg and meet Captain William Flagg whose crew captured a British cannon during the War of 1812. You'll also meet Marilla Ricker who ran for governor even before women could vote.

With an actual 1890's horse-drawn hearse in the background visitors will see life through an overworked Dover nurse's eyes during the civil war and later meet "President" Mary Dow. There are also a couple of sea captains who make an appearance and just what is a Gookin? Come to the Night at the Woodman Museum III event and find out. These are just some of the many characters you'll meet that will tell of their notable events in the third annual Night at the Woodman Museum production.

This event is a major fundraiser for the Woodman Museum, a 99-year old local museum located at 182 Central Ave. in Dover.

Tours consisting of a maximum of 16 people each will take place 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday Oct. 10, Sunday, Oct. 11, and Monday, Oct. 12.

Tours leave the Ricker Memorial Chapel on the Pine Hill Cemetery grounds every 15 minutes and will last approximately 90 minutes. The cemetery entrance is located at 131 Central Ave. in Dover. The event will be rain or shine and guests are asked to wear comfortable walking shoes.

Night at the Woodman Museum III is underwritten by Dermatology and Skin Health.

Tickets are \$10 per adult and \$5 per child (under 12). Reserve early to guarantee a time. For tickets, call the museum at 603-742-1038 or 603-970-0227. Additional information can be found at www.WoodmanMuseum.org.



The following events are recorded in "Notable Events in the History of Dover, New Hampshire: From the First Settlement in 1623 to 1865," by George Wadleigh, "Historic Rambles About Dover," by Robert A. Whitehouse, "Port of Dover: Two Centuries of Shipping on the Cochecho" by Robert A. Whitehouse and Cathleen C. Beaudoin, and several other historical sources.

For more on the history of Dover, settled in 1623 and the oldest permanent settlement in New Hampshire and seventh oldest in the country, visit the Dover Public Library, Locust Street; and the Woodman Institute Museum, Central Avenue. The Public Library also maintains an online collection of historical information, located at

http://www.dover.lib.nh.us/DoverHistory/cityof.htm.



Sept. 18, 1679 - The union of New Hampshire with Massachusetts was dissolved at this time by royal proclamation. John Cutt was appointed President of the Province with a council of six of the principal inhabitants, of whom Richard Waldron of Dover was one. Agreeably to

the royal direction they chose three other gentlemen into the council, of whom Job Clements of Dover was one. The President nominated Major Waldron to be his deputy or vice-president and John Roberts, marshal.



Sept. 18, 1724 - The town appointed Capt. Paul Gerrish and Capt. Benjamin Wentworth agents or attorneys to prosecute all actions of trespass upon the town's commons "already begun or hereafter to begin and to substitute attorneys under them as they see cause."



Sept. 21, 1842 - Died, Hon. Jeremiah Smith, aged 83, formerly of Exeter, but for the last years of his life a resident of Dover. He was a representative in Congress during Washington's administration, for many years a Judge of the United States and State Courts, and Governor of the State. Few citizens were more widely known as a Statesman and Jurist, and none ever left behind them a more enduring reputation



Sept. 21, 1843 - The new Freewill Baptist Meeting House on Washington street was dedicated this day. (This was the building afterwards converted into the Freewill Baptist Printing Establishment, which had an office in the basement when originally built.)



Sept. 20, 1853 - Gas lights were first used in Dover this evening, the mills and many stores having been supplied with it by the Gas Co., which was established this year.

Also on this day, a gold medal was presented to Hon.

John P. Hale by the sailors of the U. S. Sloop of War

Germantown, as a testimonial for his success in procuring the abolishment of flogging in the Navy.

MUNICIPAL MATTERS

City of Dover employment opportunities

Want to work for the City of Dover? The City's website

offers an updated list of open postions, including job descriptions and a downloadable application for employment.

To see what positions the City is seeking to fill, click here.

Time to register your vehicle? Save time, register online

Did you know you can save yourself time and a trip to City Hall by registering your vehicle online?

Online vehicle registration renewal is easy, safe and secure. You can register online by providing a PIN number or your license plate number. Your PIN number is provided by the City of Dover and can be found on your renewal notice.

For your convenience, you can now pay for motor vehicle registration by credit card.

For more information on the E-registration process, <u>click</u> <u>here</u>.

Missed the meeting? Catch it again online

Don't forget: If you missed the live City Council, School Board or Planning Board on Channels 22 and 95, you can catch it again, online and on demand.

Simply visit the City's website at www.dover.nh.gov/dntv to begin watching meetings on demand. Online meetings are organized by agenda item for convenience.

Catch Channel 22 live, on the go

Dover's governmental access television channel, Channel 22, is now available as a <u>live stream</u>. The live stream allows anyone to view live programming from Channel 22 on a computer or a variety of <u>mobile devices</u>. The live

stream can be <u>accessed here</u> on the City's website. This page also includes a programming guide for the day.

In addition to live streaming, the City continues to offer ondemand viewing of programming from Channels 22 and 95. All of the City's on-demand content can be found on the page above or by <u>clicking here</u>.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR



Want to stay up to speed on exciting events and activities in Dover? Sign up for the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce's weekly newsletter, Peek at the Week, for upto-date information on what's happening in Dover.

Whether it's the schedule for the Cochecho Arts Festival, art exhibits or where to shop for local products, sign up for Peek at the Week, and you'll be ready for the week ahead.

You can sign up to receive the Chamber's Peek at the Week by e-mail <u>here</u>.